

Brig. Gen. Macdonald assumes leadership of IMA

FORT BELVOIR , Va. (June 1, 2006) - The directorship of the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency changed hands May 30 in a ceremony on the front steps of Fort Belvoir's Abbot Hall.

Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle relinquished the duties he's held since Nov. 1, 2005, to Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald. Rochelle, who has been in the military for 34 years, is leaving IMA to become the Army's Deputy chief of staff, G-1.

Rochelle's accomplishments are numerous. As IMA director, he was responsible for oversight of 116 Army installations. During his tenure, he oversaw a period of change which was marked by the common levels of support and the standard garrison organization, which contribute to more effective and efficient installations.

Rochelle expressed gratitude to the IMA employees who helped him achieve success, saying "I am honored to have represented the colors of this agency."

Saying he "looks forward to serving in his new position," Macdonald joins IMA after serving as the commanding general of U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Before his assignment at CFSC, Macdonald was the director of IMA's Korea Region from July 2002 to December 2004. Macdonald is IMA's fourth director since it was established in October 2002.

Macdonald was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1979, and holds master's degrees from Central Michigan University and the Naval War College.